

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 4-5 and 8-10 are pending. Applicants have canceled claims 20-33 without prejudice. Applicants may elect to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application.

Applicants appreciate and acknowledge the mention by the Examiner that the arguments previously presented are persuasive and that the rejection has been withdrawn.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Response to Requirement for Restriction of Inventions

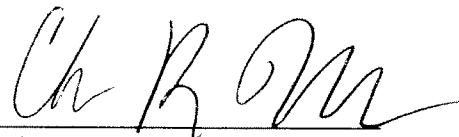
The Office has indicated that the previous amendment introducing new claims 20-33 has prompted an election of species requirement. Applicants submit that claims 20-33 are canceled without prejudice therefore rendering the Election/Restriction requirement moot.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied reference(s). In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendment(s) presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claim(s) are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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